GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PROPOSAL FROM ANDHRA PRADESH
Shetkar Shri Suresh Kumar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh seeking permission for development of the area around Havelock Bridge on Godavari river for tourism purpose; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon by the Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Government of Andhra Pradesh had earlier requested for according consent for utilization of abandoned old Godavari rail bridge (Havelock bridge) at Rajahmundry as "An Integrated Tourism Development Project ". Railway has agreed in principle for the following, subject to requisite approvals:

(a) For utilization of Havelock bridge, against salvage value.

(b) For sparing a 10 metres wide strip of Railway Land on either side of Shiv Linga at east end approach of bridge, on lease basis, for Tourism and Pilgrimage purpose only.

However, Railway was not agreeable for the following:

(i) To spare any other associated land as same could be required for future construction and maintenance.

(ii) For development of island as tourist spot from security point of view as approach to same shall be passing under 3rd Godavari rail bridge.

State Government vide further communications did not agree for payment of salvage value for the bridge. Subsequently, the State Government has submitted a fresh proposal for utilizing the Havelock bridge as per Tourism Policy of Andhra Pradesh - 2010 for a period of 33 years by paying lease amount and sharing 50% of the Revenue with Railway.

The fresh proposal is under examination by Railways.